the Forest Survey of India and the National Remote Sensing Agency, India's forest cover in relation to total land mass is 19 25 per cent whereas the minimum requirement for maintaining ecological and environmental balance is 33 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 53 per cent of Indias total land mass has turned into wasteland;

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to bring 110 million hectares of wasteland under forest cover by the end of this century as has been indicated in the perspective plan;

(d) whether the target of bringing 10 million hectares of wasteland under forest cover by 1990 will be adequate and if not, whether the target will be revised;

(e) whether Government propose to launch a time bound afforestation programme for maintaining the ecological balance;

(f) whether Government also propose to prepare special programme for the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra which have degraded land of about 10 million hectares or more; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Agriculture had estimated the extent of wastelands in the country to be 175 million hectares

(c) to (g) The afforestation targets are fixed on year to year basis, taking into account all relevant factors including the availability of resources

Garments export Policy

3259. SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a long term Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for garments; and

(b) if so, what are the important features of the Policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

Statement

The salient features of the long term Export Entitlement Distribution policy for Garments are:—

(1) The policy will be for a period of three years as against an annual policy.

(2) The allotment of the past performance will be on the basis of value instead of on the basis of quantity.

(3) In order to provide, *inter alias*, opportunities to new exporters, including small scale entrepreneurs, the Government has introduced, as an experimental measure an innovative "Open Tender System" for super-fast categories.

(4) In order to upgrade the technology of garment manufacturing in the country a new direction has been given to Manufacturer-Exporter System with increased allocation and a minimum stipulation of number of machines.

(5) In order to diversify exports, the allocation for Non-Quota Exporters System has been increased substantially and exports of non-quota items to Quota countries will also be counted for allocation under this system.

Repatriation of Foreign Exchange by Tatas, etc.

3260. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questiaon 3085

given in Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the amount of foreign exchange Tatas have failed to remit through the Hongkong Hotel Company;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange involved in the over-invoicing and falsification of accounts in regard to consultancy and shareholding in the case of Shri Charanjit Singh; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Investigations initiated by the Directorate of Enforcement in respect of one of the Tata companies, namely M/s. Indian Hotel Co. Ltd., are in progress. At this stage, it is not possible to indicate the nature and extent of violation.

(b) and (c) On the basis of investigations completed so far, in the case relating to the companies associated with Shri Charanjit Singh, adjudication proceedings have been initiated by issue of two show cause notices on 26-11-87. Further investigations are in progress.

Loans by the Financial Institutions to Meridien Hotel Project

3261. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total loans given by the various financial institutions and nationalised banks to Maridien Hotel Project and what is the investment of the promoters;

(b) what are the prices at which commercial space has been sold, and the total amount realised from these sales and whether these prices are realistic; and

(c) what is the amount of loan given during the year 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) The Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has reported that the loan assistance disbursed by the financial institutions and nationalised banks as at the end of Sept., 1987 to the C.J. International Hotels Limited (CJIHL) for their project to set up a hotel by name 'The Meridien" was Rs. 33 27 crores. In addition, bridge loan against underwriting assistance was given for a total amount of Rs. 4.61 crores. Out of the amount disbursed, Rs 4.50 crores were disbursed during Jan—Sept. 1987. The promoters of CJIHL have contributed Rs. 9 crores as share capital and Rs. 1 crore as unsecured loans upto the end of Sept., 1987.

(b) IFCI has also reported that CJIHL has raised an amount of Rs. 8.18 crores by way of shop deposits through commercial areas sold/leased out at prices negotiated and finalised with individnal parties. As per the financing pattern approved by the financial institutions, an amount of Rs. 9 crores so raised would go towards meeting the cost over-run of the project.

Guest Houses Maintained by Big Industrial Houses

3262. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some big industrial houses are evading income-tax by showing huge expenses on maintenance of Guest Houses while in practice these Guest Houses are used as residential houses of Directors of those companies;

(b) how many Guest Houses are maintained by the Modi Group of Companies in Delhi/New Delhi; and

(c) the annual expenditure incurred on these Guest Houses during the last three years?